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| This application is abandoned in view of:   |   |               |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office     A reply was received on (with a Certificate of k     period for reply (including a total extension of time of     (b) A proposed reply was received on, but it does | failing or Transmission dated<br>month(s)) which expired on | <u></u> .     |  |  |  |  |
| (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 (  | Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee);                         |               |  |  |  |  |

Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months
from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).

(c) A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-

(a) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).

(b) The submitted fee of \$\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$\_\_\_\_ is due.

The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$\_\_\_\_.

(c) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.

final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).

 Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).

(a) Proposed corrected drawings were received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.

(b) No corrected drawings have been received.

(d) No reply has been received.

4. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.

 The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.

6. \( \subseteq The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on \( \frac{2/13/2009}{2} \) and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.

7. The reason(s) below:

/John W Hayes/ Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3628

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

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